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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS,
OF THE
TOWN OF WHATELY,
FOR THE
YEAR 1897.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS.:
GAZETTE PRINTING COMPANY.
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Whately Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

FRANKLIN, SS.

To Francis E. Sanderson, Constable of the Town of Whately,

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Whately, on Monday the seventh day of March, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2.—To choose all necessary town officers—Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors, School Committee, Auditor, Cemetery Commissioner, Library Trustee, one Elector under the Will of Oliver Smith, all to be voted for on one ballot. The ballot for the ladies will contain the name for School Committee only.

ART. 3.—To vote by ballot “Yes” or “No” upon the question “Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors” in this town.

ART. 4.—To receive and act upon reports of all Officers, Committees, Commissioners, Trustees of the Town.

ART. 5.—To see if the Town will raise money to pay its loans.

ART. 6.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the coming year, and appropriate the same.

ART. 7.—To act upon the list of Jurors prepared by the Registrars.

ART. 8.—To see what the Town will do with the money received from the County, called the Dog Fund.

ART. 9.—To see if the Town will make an appropriation for the Public Library.

ART. 10.—To see if the Town will employ a Superintendent of Schools, and raise money for his salary.

ART. 11.—To see if the Town will raise five per cent. or any fixed per cent. on amount of Town Grant, State and County Taxes, the same to be allowed to those who pay their taxes on or before August 1st, 1898.

ART. 12.—To see if the Town will raise, or instruct its officers to borrow money, for repairs, either special or general, on cemeteries, roads, bridges, or buildings, or instruct its officers, committees, commissioners or trustees, in any matters of claims or suits, or transact any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

ART. 13.—To see if the Town will vote to buy a new hearse.

ART. 14.—To see what action the Town will take in regard to discontinuing the road from Victor D. Bardwell, north to Conway line known as Poplar Hill road.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies at each of the Post Offices in said town, said posting to be at least seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred ninety-eight.

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| SETH B. CRAFTS, | } <i>Selectmen</i> |
| LEMUEL F. GRAVES, | |
| WILLIS F. WAITE, | |
| | <i>of</i> |
| | } <i>Whately.</i> |

Town Clerk's Report.

The vital statistics of the town of Whately for the year 1897 :

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN WHATELY, 1897.

| Date. | Name. | Parents. |
|----------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Feb. 14. | Charles Henry. | Henry A. & Josie (Farrington) Wilder. |
| Apr. 5. | Jennie Estella. | Lennie & Minnie (White) Sanderson. |
| " 15. | Mildred Frances. | Henry S. and Sara (Gould) Higgins. |
| May 4. | Isabelle Ruth. | Irving and Augusta (Howes) Allis. |
| July 14. | Ella Grace. | Thos. C. & Lucy (Cadigan) Brennan. |
| Aug. 18. | Rose. | Henry & Cizmar (Boris) Knophokan. |
| Sep. 27. | Susanna. | Dennis and Susie (Hardwarp) Hayes. |
| Dec. 6. | Helen. | James & Elizabeth (Coogan) Hickey. |
| " 9. | Edward. | Edward G. & Mary (Wells) Byrnes. |

Comparison table of births for the last five years :

| 1893 | 1894 | 1895 | 1896 | 1897 |
|------|------|------|------|------|
| 9 | 19 | 14 | 11 | 9 |

MARRIAGES REGISTERED.

Jan. 20. Charles W. Field of Northampton, 21—Cora E. Graves of Whately, 21 ; by Rev. E. G. Cobb.

March 2. Patrick J. Morrissey of Whately, 23—Margaret F. Slattery of Deerfield, 22 ; by Rev. M. A. O'Sullivan.

May 1. Hugh E. Adams of Whately, 24—Cornelia A. Warren of Morrisville, Vt., 24 ; by Rev. George L. Dickinson.

May 12. Frederick D. Bardwell of Hatfield, 23—Marion B. Graves of Whately, 23 ; by Rev. Robert M. Woods.

June 16. Warren P. Crafts of Whately, 42—Bertha A. Andrews of Conway, 29 ; by Rev. W. H. Ashley.

Sept. 15. Robert Dickinson of Whately, 21—Rose E. Brandle of Northampton, 20; by Rev. F. K. Huntington.

Sept. 15. George Frederick Pease of Whately, 28—Katharine Electa Crafts of Whately, 26; by Rev. George L. Dickinson.

Nov. 15. Peter J. Donovan of Whately, 34—Catherine A. Powers of Hatfield, 35; by Rev. James M. Cruse.

Comparison table of marriages for the last five years :

| 1893 | 1894 | 1895 | 1896 | 1897 |
|------|------|------|------|------|
| 14 | 8 | 6 | 10 | 8 |

DEATHS REGISTERED.

| Date. | Name. | Age. | Disease. |
|-----------|----------------------|---------|--------------------|
| Jan. 11. | Charles S. Smith, | 58 yrs. | Heart Disease. |
| " 25. | Champion Dickinson, | 1 " | Meningitis. |
| Feb. 25. | Elisha A. Jenney, | 64 " | Heart. |
| " 28. | Minerva Munson, | 75 " | Apoplexy. |
| Mar. 15. | Elvira G. Dickinson, | 84 " | Supticaemia. |
| " 16. | Ernest A. Allis, | 54 " | Meningitis. |
| " 21. | Kate Dalton. | 83 " | Old Age. |
| " 26. | Salmon P. White, | 56 " | Heart. |
| Apr. 8. | Bertha E. Waite, | 26 " | Appendicitis. |
| " 15. | Daniel Dickinson, | 70 " | Apoplexy. |
| " 16. | Frederic J. Roote, | 53 " | Erysipelas. |
| " 20. | Elihu Harvey, | 71 " | Cancer of Stomach. |
| " 29. | Julia Hendrahan, | 67 " | Paralysis. |
| May 29. | Luther G. Scott, | 72 " | Bright's Disease. |
| July 29. | Hannah G. Fox, | 84 " | Old Age. |
| Sept. 12. | Almira Waite, | 85 " | Indigestion. |
| Oct. 9. | Dwight Morton, | 70 " | Heart. |
| Nov. 5. | Abigail S. Graves, | 77 " | Apoplexy. |
| Dec. 14. | Charles W. Nash, | 76 " | Pneumonia. |

Comparison table of deaths for the last five years :

| 1893 | 1894 | 1895 | 1896 | 1897 |
|------|------|------|------|------|
| 18 | 15 | 16 | 13 | 19 |

If any mistakes have been made in the above lists, either in names or dates, if those interested will inform the Town Clerk of the facts, the records will be corrected.

DOGS.

The number of dogs licensed during the year ending Nov. 30, 1897, with the receipts and settlement of the account with the County Treasurer is as follows :

| | | |
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| 45 male dogs at \$2.00, | \$90 00 | |
| 1 female dog at \$5.00, | 5 00 | \$95 00 |
| Less fees 46 dogs at 20 cents, | | 9 20 |
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| Balance, | | \$85 80 |
| Paid E. A. Newcomb, County Treasurer, | | \$85 80 |

Comparison table for the last five years :

| 1893 | 1894 | 1895 | 1896 | 1897 |
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| \$118.60 | \$100.20 | \$87.00 | \$82.20 | \$85.80 |

There have been recorded in the Town Clerk's office from Jan. 1, 1897, to Dec. 31, 1897, sixteen mortgages of personal property. This is a decrease of nine as compared with a year ago. One of the mortgages recorded has since been discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. ELDER, *Town Clerk.*

Collector's Report.

FRANCIS E. SANDERSON in acct. with the Town of Whately.

Dr.

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| State Tax, | \$332 50 |
| County Tax, | 814 00 |
| Town Tax, | 5,386 08 |
| Overlaying, | 254 75 |
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| | \$6,787 33 |

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| By amount paid R. C. Howes, | \$5,960 18 |
| Discount on Taxes, | 203 91 |
| Abatements, | 21 62 |
| Uncollected Taxes, | 601 62 |
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| | \$6,787 33 |

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS.

Dr.

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| To cash from R. C. Howes, ex-Treas., | \$1,461 24 |
| James A. Wood, Collector, | 104 17 |
| Frank E. Sanderson, “ | 6,926 40 |
| E. P. Shaw, State Treas., lunatic paupers, | 121 45 |
| “ “ State Aid, | 294 00 |
| “ “ Corporation Tax, | 5 04 |
| “ “ National Bank Tax, | 1,017 08 |
| “ “ School Fund, | 420 85 |
| L. F. Graves, Temporary Loan, | 250 00 |
| Mary Gould, Library Fines, 1896, | 1 40 |
| W. S. Allen, Court Fines, | 31 20 |
| L. F. Crafts, Center Cemetery, | 37 22 |
| C. H. Waite, Supt. salary, | 60 50 |
| C. Paul Harwood, E. Harvey's fun'l exp's, | 25 00 |
| E. P. Shaw, School Tuitions, | 177 50 |
| E. A. Newcomb, Dog Tax, | 64 06 |
| C. L. Sanderson, rent of Hall, | 10 00 |
| Mary Gould, Library Fines, 1897, | 1 50 |
| | <hr/> \$11,008 61 |

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| By Outstanding Orders, | \$550 07 |
| Contingent, | 654 35 |
| State Aid, | 271 50 |
| Highways, | 1,002 47 |

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| Poor, | \$624 36 |
| Schools, | 1,566 27 |
| Old Bills, | 42 41 |
| Bridges and Culverts, | 408 93 |
| Sidewalks, | 74 35 |
| Railings, | 44 32 |
| Cemeteries, | 53 30 |
| Library, | 133 54 |
| State Tax, | 332 50 |
| County Tax, | 814 00 |
| Temporary Loan, | 250 00 |
| Interest, | 147 81 |
| Discount on Taxes, | 203 91 |
| Abatements on Taxes, | 21 62 |
| Debt, | 1,200 00 |
| Assessors, | 120 50 |
| Collectors, | 140 00 |
| Ballot Clerks, | 4 00 |
| Registrars, | 60 00 |
| Treasurer, | 35 00 |
| School Committee, | 75 00 |
| Auditor, | 2 50 |
| Selectmen, | 200 00 |
| Highway Special, | 12 50 |
| Balance, | 1,963 40 |
| | —————\$11,008 61 |

WHATELY, Feb. 21, 1898.

We have this day settled with the above-named Rylan C. Howes, Treasurer of the Town of Whately, and find in his hands and due the Town the sum of One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-three and $\frac{40}{100}$ Dollars (\$1,963.40).

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| SETH B. CRAFTS, | } <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Whately.</i> |
| LEMUEL F. GRAVES, | |
| WILLIS F. WAITE, | |

LYMAN A. CRAFTS, *Auditor.*

Selectmen's Report.

The Selectmen having attended to their duties as defined by Statutes and in accordance with instructions of the Town, respectfully submit the following report :

In presenting their report your Selectmen deem it unnecessary to say much in explanation, as little out of the usual work has been called for. The finances of the town are in quite a satisfactory condition. We have made a payment of \$1,200 on town note to State Treasurer, leaving \$2,300 as the sum now due. Our roads have been more expensive than usual owing to frequent rains.

The records of the work of your town officials has been examined and passed upon by your Auditor. The work in the different departments of town affairs and the attendant expense will appear in detail in their proper places. We leave it for you to pass upon, trusting that whatever merits your approval will receive it, otherwise be justly criticised.

LIST OF JURORS PREPARED BY THE REGISTRARS.

Edward W. Bardwell, Peter J. Donovan, Herbert W. Ford, Lyman S. Munson, Rufus M. Swift, Emerson C. Warner, Warren P. Crafts, Geo. A. Elder, Henry S. Higgins, Herbert E. Roote, Charles H. Waite, David P. Wells.

CONTINGENT.

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| J. B. Bridges, fees in criminal case of Geo. Brazill, | \$6 81 |
| Gazette Printing Co., printing Town Reports and Voting Lists, | 35 00 |
| S. W. Allis, gravel, | 6 50 |

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| L. F. Graves, wood for Hall and Library, | 14 00 |
| Lyman A. Crafts, road machine, | 225 00 |
| R. C. Howes, American Surety Co. Treasurer's Bond, | 18 75 |
| Frank E. Sanderson, Am. Surety Co. Collector's Bond, | 18 75 |
| L. F. Graves, services as Elector, | 10 00 |
| Willis F. Waite, dynamite and fuse, | 3 22 |
| Irving Allis, services as Inspector of Cattle, | 28 00 |
| Cecil T. Bagnal, printing Tax Lists, Notices for Assessors, | 7 25 |
| Chas. H. Waite, Collector's book, warrants, postage, ex- press. | 1 96 |
| Morris Powers, assistance rendered Assessors, | 75 |
| Geo. and Frank Dickinson, assistance rendered Assessors, | 3 60 |
| John M. Crafts, " " " | 50 |
| Lyman A. Crafts, administering oaths to Assessors, | 50 |
| Fred L. Graves, repairs on scraper, | 4 95 |
| M. Howes & Son, oil for Hall and Library, | 2 18 |
| " " telephone expenses, | 28 53 |
| Seth B. Crafts, two trips to Orange in case of Jewett family, | 6 50 |
| Willis F. Waite, repairs on derrick, | 1 00 |
| F. A. Crafts, freight on tile, | 1 53 |
| L. F. Graves, two scrapers and plow, | 21 50 |
| Frank Scott, assistance rendered Assessors, | 1 05 |
| William Hubbard, gravel, | 2 80 |
| Willis F. Waite, freight on Akron pipe, | 1 52 |
| Irving Allis, services as Inspector of Cattle, | 4 00 |
| Donovan Bros., stone for culvert, | 98 |
| J. B. Bridges, fees in cases of Lewis Morton, Patrick Haf- ey, Convski Regiski, Joseph Quinn, Michael Hayes, Canovus Dunbriski, Martin Tuomey, Edward Mor- rissey, | 25 34 |
| L. F. Crafts, reporting deaths, | 5 25 |
| Lucius Meekins, ringing bell, | 10 00 |
| Chas. Sanderson, care of Hall, | 10 00 |
| Geo. E. Sanderson, support of water trough, | 3 00 |
| Warren P. Crafts, " " " | 5 00 |
| Lincoln Sanderson, " " " | 5 00 |

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| Chas. A. Coville, support of water trough, | \$3 00 |
| Geo. Lyman Graves, " " " | 3 00 |
| Gazette Printing Co., Order Book, printing and stationery, | 9 50 |
| J. D. Seymour, M. D., reporting births, | 2 25 |
| M. Howes, telephone expense, | 38 50 |
| Seth B. Crafts, time and expense in case of Samuel C. Waite at Worcester, Springfield, Chester, Granville, | 11 80 |
| M. Howes & Son, supplies for Hall and Library, | 4 34 |
| Geo. A. Elder, recording marriages, births and deaths, | 11 80 |
| " " express, postage, Justice fees, going to Montague with transcript of votes, | 13 76 |
| F. E. Sanderson, taxes on town land, | 2 85 |
| L. F. Crafts, painting guide boards, setting glass Town Hall, | 5 75 |
| Lyman A. Crafts, support of water trough, | 10 00 |
| " " scraper edge, | 8 00 |
| Wm. Gould, putting in wood, | 50 |
| Arthur H. Beers, survey and map for State Road, | 13 50 |
| Seth B. Crafts, time and expenses in survey of State Road, | 5 00 |
| Willis F. Waite, expenses to Orange in case of Jewett family, | 3 25 |
| Seth B. Crafts, time and expenses at Boston before Mass. Highway Committee, | 20 00 |
| Seth B. Crafts, scraper, repairs, express, stationery, post- age, letter files, | 5 08 |
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| | \$692 60 |

BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.

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| Henry W. Bardwell, painting bridges, | \$3 00 |
| A. H. Beers, work on culvert Cross Road, | 18 95 |
| Sherman Bardwell, work on culvert Claverack Road, | 2 38 |
| L. F. Graves, " " " " | 12 80 |
| L. A. Crafts, " " " " | 4 37 |
| Cooley B. Dickinson, work on culvert near his house, | 3 50 |
| Seth B. Crafts, cement and freight, | 1 60 |

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| Wm. H. Adkins, work on culvert, | \$2 18 |
| E. W. Bardwell, bridge plank, | 15 58 |
| N. H. Lee, Akron pipe, | 19 08 |
| Thomas Flemming, work on culverts, | 5 42 |
| A. H. Beers, " " | 1 00 |
| Sherman Bardwell, " " | 5 00 |
| L. F. Graves, timber and work on culvert, | 9 18 |
| Patrick Flynn, " " | 3 75 |
| Sherman Bardwell, " " | 1 88 |
| L. F. Graves, " " | 13 50 |
| Otis Hager, plank, | 13 72 |
| Seth B. Crafts, cash paid for cement, | 3 10 |
| Harry Sanderson, plank, | 19 20 |
| Wm. H. Adkins, work on bridge, C. S. Loomis, | 1 25 |
| Lyman A. Crafts, " " " " | 1 25 |
| L. F. Graves, " " " " | 7 50 |
| " " paint for bridges, | 4 35 |
| Watson Bardwell, work on culvert, | 1 38 |
| Ed. E. Sanderson, " " | 1 25 |
| E. E. Smith, " " | 3 38 |
| Geo. P. Graves, " " | 1 13 |
| Chas. Sanderson, " " | 2 15 |
| Hiram Bardwell, " " | 3 92 |
| A. J. Coddling, drawing plank and tile, | 4 50 |
| Harry Sanderson, plank, | 4 52 |
| Town of Sunderland, repairs on Sunderland Bridge, | 46 72 |
| S. W. & A. B. Lee, Akron pipe, | 21 72 |
| J. S. Hallett, work on culvert, | 50 |
| Sherman Bardwell, " " | 63 |
| Willis F. Waite, " " | 3 49 |
| Seth B. Crafts, " " | 5 13 |
| Town of Sunderland, repairs on Sunderland Bridge, | 139 35 |
| F. G. Bardwell, sawing timber for bridges, | 2 02 |
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| | \$415 33 |

HIGHWAYS.

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| Chas. J. Smith, | \$30 00 |
| Mrs. M. Flavin, | 1 05 |
| J. S. Hallett, | 7 87 |
| L. F. Graves, | 52 00 |
| L. A. Crafts, | 2 50 |
| S. W. Allis, | 3 40 |
| John Blunkard, | 12 25 |
| Patrick Tuomey, | 18 55 |
| Seth B. Crafts, | 80 70 |
| J. S. Hallett, | 8 75 |
| Patrick Conley, | 3 55 |
| James Nolan, | 1 50 |
| Mrs. M. Flavin, | 7 62 |
| Sherman Bardwell, | 13 50 |
| Patrick Flynn, | 7 88 |
| Dennis Flynn, | 3 00 |
| L. F. Graves, | 29 60 |
| Sherman Bardwell, | 2 03 |
| Nelson Wing, | 62 |
| C. B. Dickinson, | 18 75 |
| Sam'l Wills, | 1 73 |
| Chas. E. Bardwell, | 32 55 |
| Fred Smith, | 6 75 |
| Patrick Dalton, | 2 25 |
| L. F. Graves, | 7 94 |
| Morris Powers, | 1 60 |
| Cooley B. Dickinson, | 3 37 |
| Geo. B. McClellan, | 10 50 |
| Morris Nolan, | 3 00 |
| Lincoln Sanderson, | 1 50 |
| Hiram Dickinson, | 4 15 |
| Chas. E. Bardwell, | 9 20 |
| Henry Sharp, | 6 55 |
| Willis F. Waite, | 7 21 |
| Seth B. Crafts, | 36 67 |

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| Chas. H. Waite, | \$15 02 |
| Frank E. Sanderson, | 4 40 |
| E. W. Bardwell, | 2 97 |
| Hiram Bardwell, | 3 57 |
| Chas. Sanderson, | 88 |
| L. F. Graves, | 6 00 |
| Chas. J. Smith, | 23 38 |
| Morris Powers, | 3 75 |
| Patrick Tuomey, | 15 00 |
| Martin Tuomey, | 23 38 |
| Patrick Brennan, | 6 00 |
| Mrs. E. Qunn, | 16 50 |
| Chas. H. Pease, | 7 50 |
| Jerome Hallett, | 9 00 |
| A. E. Waite, | 3 75 |
| Chas. Sanderson, | 63 |
| Geo. Skiff, | 1 12 |
| Lennie Sanderson, | 50 |
| Harry Sanderson, | 63 |
| A. J. Coddling, | 3 16 |
| Wm. P. Smith, | 60 |
| Chas. E. Bardwell, | 3 60 |
| V. D. Bardwell, | 85 |
| Hiram Bardwell, | 1 88 |
| James Nolan, | 75 |
| E. W. Bardwell, | 6 00 |
| Patrick Dalton, | 4 20 |
| Henry W. Bardwell, | 1 76 |
| Lyman A. Crafts, | 1 00 |
| E. R. Parker, | 25 |
| Willis F. Waite, | 2 18 |
| Chas. Sanderson, | 88 |
| Lennie Sanderson, | 88 |
| Fred Smith, | 1 13 |
| Patrick Dalton, | 63 |
| Henry Bardwell, | 1 90 |
| Chas. E. Bardwell, | 1 20 |

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| Henry Sharp, | \$2 63 |
| A. J. Coddington, | 1 35 |
| Hart Nash, | 1 00 |
| Earl Nash, | 80 |
| Geo. Skiff, | 94 |
| John Blunkard, | 1 87 |
| Edward Scott, | 3 82 |
| Patrick Brennan, | 3 00 |
| Willis F. Waite, | 5 78 |
| Henry W. Bardwell, | 23 54 |
| Henry Sharp, | 31 15 |
| Chas. S. Sanderson, | 3 75 |
| Munson Bros., | 19 50 |
| Lennie Sanderson, | 7 50 |
| Sherman Bardwell, | 1 50 |
| Patrick Flynn, | 75 |
| L. F. Graves, | 5 00 |
| Mrs. M. Flavin, | 1 50 |
| James Halloran, | 75 |
| S. W. Fisher, | 1 25 |
| J. E. Waite, | 3 29 |
| Irving Allis, | 55 67 |
| James Haskins, | 1 20 |
| Frank E. Sanderson, | 24 00 |
| Chas. E. Bardwell, | 21 00 |
| Lucien Moody, | 6 00 |
| Rufus D. Waite, | 3 00 |
| E. A. Warner, | 1 80 |
| James Nolan, | 1 50 |
| Hiram Bardwell, | 24 78 |
| Sherman Bardwell, | 2 25 |
| Patrick Flynn, | 63 |
| Chas. J. Smith, | 2 13 |
| James Powers, | 3 75 |
| L. F. Graves, | 20 70 |
| Patrick Flynn, | 5 63 |

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| A. H. Beers, | \$6 25 |
| E. L. Glover, | 2 25 |
| Chas. E. Bardwell, | 4 50 |
| Henry Sharp, | 3 00 |
| Rufus D. Waite, | 63 |
| Irving Allis, | 7 62 |
| S. W. Allis, | 1 20 |
| Jerome Hallett, | 4 50 |
| Willis F. Waite, | 8 37 |
| Hiram Bardwell, | 2 45 |
| V. D. Bardwell, | 90 |
| Chas. H. Waite, | 7 00 |
| L. F. Graves, | 4 18 |
| A. J. Coddling, | 2 10 |
| Chas. J. Smith, | 12 50 |
| Frank E. Sanderson, | 5 55 |
| Henry Sharp, | 3 86 |
| Willis F. Waite, | 5 30 |
| Frank E. Sanderson, | 1 00 |
| David P. Wells, | 7 50 |
| Seth B. Crafts, | 12 37 |
| Hart Nash, | 2 01 |
| Bardwell Bros., | 2 80 |
| J. E. Waite, | 1 76 |
| Jerry Murphy, | 1 76 |
| E. A. Warner, | 1 00 |
| Jerome S. Hallett, | 5 84 |
| Wm. H. Adkins, | 1 55 |
| Fred L. Graves, | 1 25 |
| E. R. Parker, | 38 |
| Sherman Bardwell, | 1 25 |
| Patrick Brennan, | 4 25 |
| Homer Crafts, | 92 |
| L. F. Graves, | 4 25 |
| M. T. Morton, | 3 45 |
| Warren P. Crafts, | 3 39 |
| Seth B. Crafts, | 12 65 |

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| Cooley B. Dickinson, | \$18 18 |
| Lincoln Sanderson, | 50 |
| Fred. Bardwell, | 2 20 |
| Patrick Tuomey, | 14 88 |
| Quinn Bros., | 9 75 |
| L. F. Graves, | 1 00 |
| J. S. Hallett, | 3 40 |
| Fred. L. Graves, | 50 |
| Sherman Bardwell, | 50 |
| Wm. H. Adkins, | 50 |
| E. W. Bardwell, | 2 50 |
| Victor D. Bardwell, | 3 55 |
| Watson Bardwell, | 88 |
| Geo. P. Graves, | 1 50 |
| Frank E. Sanderson, | 3 70 |
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| | \$1,105 89 |

RAILINGS.

| | |
|---------------------|---------|
| H. W. Bardwell, | \$6 13 |
| Lennie Sanderson, | 3 00 |
| A. J. Coddling, | 7 00 |
| J. E. Waite, | 3 50 |
| Chas. L. Sanderson, | 3 75 |
| Dennis Flynn, | 5 00 |
| Thomas Flynn, | 12 74 |
| Hart J. Nash, | 2 20 |
| Harry Sanderson, | 1 00 |
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| | \$44 32 |

SIDEWALKS.

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|-----------------|---------|
| Mrs. M. Flavin, | \$13 25 |
| J. S. Hallett, | 9 50 |
| L. F. Graves, | 12 00 |
| Patrick Conley, | 5 00 |

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| Wm. H. Adkins, | \$1 50 |
| O. E. Morton, | 3 00 |
| Joseph Phelix, | 1 50 |
| Joseph Asher, | 1 50 |
| Lyman A. Crafts, | 6 75 |
| Sherman B. Bardwell, | 6 85 |
| A. H. Beers, | 7 00 |
| Thomas Flynn, | 6 50 |
| J. H. Pease, | 2 10 |
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| | \$76 45 |

POOR.

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| Mrs. Lewis Morton, board and clothing, | \$107 96 |
| Albert W. Judd at North'n Lunatic Hospital, 6 mos., | 84 04 |
| Albert W. Judd, at Medfield Lunatic Hospital, 6 mos., | 73 60 |
| Mrs. Chas. E. Jewett, support of Jewett family, | 226 58 |
| Elisha Rhoad, | 46 77 |
| Sam'l C. Waite at Worcester Hospital, | 25 71 |
| Dudley Belden, | 12 64 |
| J. D. Seymour, M. D., medical at'd'ce, Elihu Harvey, | 10 50 |
| “ “ “ “ “ Joseph Longley, | 4 00 |
| Calvin Knight, board of Elihu Harvey, | 41 32 |
| M. Howes, supplies for Elihu Harvey, | 4 40 |
| Elihu Harvey's burial expenses, | 18 00 |
| H. W. Bardwell, keeping tramps, | 5 50 |
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| | \$661 02 |

STATE AID UNDER CHAP. 301, ACTS 1894.

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| Edward E. Sanderson, | \$54 00 |
| Stephen G. Stearns, | 48 00 |
| Bela K. Crafts, | 48 00 |
| Luther M. Crafts, | 72 00 |
| Joseph L. Longley, | 42 00 |
| Lucien Moody, | 32 00 |
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| | \$296 00 |

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

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| Orders have been drawn amounting to | \$1,916 70 |
| For statement in detail see School Committee report. | |

SALARY SUPT. OF SCHOOLS.

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| E. W. Goodhue has been paid | \$94 72 |
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LIBRARY.

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| Library Trustees' orders drawn amounting to | \$133 54 |
| See report of Trustees. | |

CEMETERIES.

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| Cemetery Commissioners' orders drawn, | \$53 30. |
| See report of Commissioners. | |

The income of the following gifts is to be used for cemetery purposes :

Miss Betsy Waite, \$100, deposited Easthampton Savings Bank.

Mr. Alfred Belden, \$125, Northampton Savings Bank.

Miss Mary Dickinson, \$1,000, secured by mortgage.

OLD BILLS.

| | |
|--|---------|
| E. A. Warner, breaking roads, | \$1 00 |
| Warren P. Crafts, filling at Roaring Brook Bridge, | 25 92 |
| Morris Powers, breaking roads, | 1 00 |
| A. E. Waite, " " | 50 |
| Seth B. Crafts, cement \$3.90, freight 36c, | 4 26 |
| Chas. H. Waite, breaking roads, | 1 10 |
| David Ashcraft, " " | 63 |
| Chas. E. Crafts, Library books, | 8 00 |
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| | \$42 41 |

TOWN OFFICERS.

ASSESSORS.

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|----------------------|----------|
| M. J. Halloran, | \$39 25 |
| Chas. H. Waite, | 45 00 |
| Cooley B. Dickinson, | 36 25 |
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| | \$120 50 |

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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|-------------------|---------|
| Chas. H. Waite, | \$25 00 |
| Lyman S. Munson, | 25 00 |
| Henry S. Higgins, | 25 00 |
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| | \$75 00 |

SELECTMEN.

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|-------------------|----------|
| Seth B. Crafts, | \$100 00 |
| Lemuel F. Graves, | 50 00 |
| Willis F. Waite, | 50 00 |
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| | \$200 00 |

COLLECTORS.

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|---------------------|---------------------|----------|
| J. Arthur Wood, | Collector for 1895, | \$65 00 |
| Frank E. Sanderson, | “ “ 1896, | 75 00 |
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| | | \$130 00 |

TREASURER.

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| R. C. Howes, | \$35 00 |
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AUDITOR.

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| Lyman A. Crafts, | \$2 50 |
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REGISTRARS.

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| L. F. Graves, | \$15 00 |
| Seth B. Crafts, | 15 00 |
| Willis F. Waite, | 15 00 |
| Geo. A. Elder, | 15 00 |
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| | \$60 00 |

BALLOT CLERKS.

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| A. H. Beers, | \$2 00 |
| R. C. Howes, | 2 00 |
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| | \$4 00 |

COUNTY TAX.

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| E. A. Newcomb, County Treasurer, | \$814 00 |
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STATE TAX.

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| E. P. Shaw, State Treasurer, | \$332 50 |
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TOWN DEBT.

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| E. P. Shaw, State Treas., payment on Town Note, | \$1,200 00 |
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TEMPORARY LOAN.

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| Lemuel F. Graves, | \$250 00 |
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INTEREST.

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| E. P. Shaw, State Treasurer, | \$146 56 |
| Lemuel F. Graves, | 1 25 |
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| | \$147 81 |

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

| | |
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| Frank E. Sanderson, | \$203 91 |
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ABATEMENTS.

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|---------------------|--------|---------|
| Frank E. Sanderson, | | \$21 62 |
| Lucius Meekins, | \$7 62 | |
| Henry Guyett, | 2 00 | |
| Daniel Cary, | 2 00 | |
| Jasper Kentsly, | 2 00 | |
| Daniel Nelson, | 2 00 | |
| John Polander, | 2 00 | |
| John Simeiski, | 2 00 | |
| Simeon Sizkir, | 2 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$21 62 |

RECAPITULATION OF ORDERS DRAWN, 1897-98.

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Supt. of Schools Salary, | \$94 72 |
| Sidewalks, | 76 45 |
| Library, | 133 54 |
| Cemetery, | 53 30 |
| Bridges and Culverts, | 415 33 |
| Railings, | 44 32 |
| Poor, | 661 02 |
| Contingent, | 692 60 |
| Old Bills, | 42 41 |
| Highways, | 1,105 89 |
| Schools, | 1,916 70 |
| Town Debt, | 1,200 00 |
| Interest, | 147 81 |
| Temporary Loan, | 250 00 |
| State Tax, | 332 50 |
| County Tax, | 814 00 |
| Discount, | 203 91 |
| Abatements, | 21 62 |
| State Aid, | 296 00 |
| Registrars and Ballot Clerks, | 64 00 |
| Tax Collectors, | 140 00 |
| Town Officers, | 433 00 |
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| | \$9,159 94 |

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN FEB. 21, 1898.

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| Note State Treasury, | \$2,300 00 |
| Outstanding Orders of 1897-98, | 664 80 |
| Old Outstanding Order of 1890, | 63 |
| “ “ “ “ 1895, | 3 50 |
| “ “ “ “ 1896, | 12 00 |
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| | \$2,980 93 |

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

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| Cash in Treasury, | \$1,963 40 |
| Uncollected Taxes of 1897, F. E. Sanderson, Collector, | 601 62 |
| Due from State Aid, | 369 50 |
| Due from High School Tuitions, | 252 00 |
| Town Lands, 68½ acres, | 300 00 |
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| | \$3,486 52 |

TOWN PROPERTY.

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|---|------------|
| Town Hall, | \$4,000 00 |
| Library and Court Decisions, | 800 00 |
| Safe, Furniture in Hall and Library, | 250 00 |
| Store House, | 50 00 |
| Derrick, 2 Road Machines, Plow, 2 Scrapers, | 225 00 |
| Six School Houses, | 2,000 00 |
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| | \$7,325 00 |

SETH B. CRAFTS, } *Selectmen*
 LEMUEL F. GRAVES, } *of*
 WILLIS F. WAITE, } *Whately.*

WHATELY, Feb. 24, 1898.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Selectmen of Whately, that I find the same correctly kept, and that there is in the hands of R. C. Howes, Treasurer, and due the Town, Nineteen Hundred Sixty-three and $\frac{40}{100}$ Dollars (\$1,963 $\frac{40}{100}$).

LYMAN A. CRAFTS, Auditor.

Report of Cemetery Commissioners for 1897.

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| There has been expended on North West Cemetery, | \$4 05 |
| There has been expended on Centre Cemetery, | 45 50 |
| Received for lots in Centre Cemetery, | \$15 00 |
| " " old pipe " " | 22 22 |
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| | \$37 22 |
| There has been expended on East Cemetery, | 3 75 |
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| | \$53 30 |

Our report shows that we have expended \$53.30, which is \$21.70 less than was raised. We would ask the town to appropriate \$75 for the year 1898.

L. F. CRAFTS,
DAVID ASHCRAFT.

Report of Library Trustees.

At the end of another fiscal year we take pleasure in reporting the flourishing condition which our public library is in.

The librarian register shows that one hundred families patronize the library. The average weekly patronage being forty, with a circulation of seventy volumes, making an annual circulation of thirty-five hundred volumes.

We have purchased during the year 110 new books, making the total number now in library, 2,159 volumes, besides innumerable public documents. It has been our endeavor when selecting new books to choose only from the best authors, and many of the best and most popular books of the day will be found on our shelves.

The cordial and efficient service which the librarian, Miss Mary R. Gould, has rendered, has met with our hearty approval.

The patrons take a lively interest in the library, and to meet their demands and to keep the library abreast of the times we respectfully ask for a liberal appropriation for the ensuing year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

| | | |
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| Appropriation, | \$135 00 | |
| Fines, | 2 90 | |
| | ———— | \$137 90 |
| Librarian's salary, | \$35 00 | |
| Books, | 94 12 | |
| Freight, express, etc., | 4 42 | |
| | ———— | \$133 54 |

H. E. ROOTE,
C. B. DICKINSON,
C. E. CRAFTS.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Whately:

The School Committee respectfully submit the following report:

SCHOOLS.

We are free to say that the schools have been maintained as good as usual, although changes of teachers have occurred in every school but one at some time during the year; consequently, some being for the best, while others causing the schools to suffer. This is something that cannot be easily avoided, as the best teachers we cannot keep always and their places are not always filled at once.

As there were so few scholars in the North East district, that school has not been opened during the year, which necessitated the children being carried to the South East School during the winter term.

The total attendance has been as follows :

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---------------|---------|-------|---------|
| North Center, | 20 | 17 | 16 |
| South Center, | 20 | 21 | 20 |
| North West, | 11 | 15 | 16 |
| South West, | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| South East, | 21 | 16 | 27 |
| | — | — | — |
| | 82 | 79 | 89 |

The school buildings are in quite good repair. Very little money has been required to keep them in good condition the past year.

Books are constantly being required as they *will* wear out, and new ones are introduced from time to time. There is quite a good stock of books and other supplies on hand.

More scholars have attended High schools out of town this year than usual. This money is reimbursed by the state in about four months after the close of the school year.

SUPERINTENDENT.

Mr. E. W. Goodhue has continued to be with us the past year. No doubt that those that have visited the schools can see the benefits derived by having the services of a superintendent. His report will follow this.

We would recommend the same appropriations another year.

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| CHAS. H. WAITE, | } School Committee of Whately. |
| LYMAN S. MUNSON, | |
| HENRY S. HIGGINS, | |

RECEIPTS.

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| Town Appropriation for Schools, Books and School | |
| House Repairs, | \$1,600 00 |
| Town Appropriation for Superintendent, | 125 00 |
| Income of State School Fund, | 420 85 |
| “ “ Superintendency, | 60 50 |
| Income from State Treas. on account of High School | |
| Tuitions, | 177 50 |
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| | \$2,383 85 |

EXPENDITURES.

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|--------------------------------|------------|
| Paid Outstanding Bills, | \$17 50 |
| Teachers, | 1,210 50 |
| Care of School Houses, | 38 25 |
| Fuel, | 68 55 |
| Repairs and Labor, | 48 69 |
| Books and Supplies, | 151 38 |
| High School Tuitions, | 302 00 |
| Superintendent, | 94 72 |
| Miscellaneous, | 79 83 |
| Re-imbursement from the State, | 238 00 |
| Balance unexpended, | 134 43 |
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| | \$2,383 85 |

OUTSTANDING BILLS.

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|---|---------|
| Town of Greenfield, High School Tuitions, | \$17 50 |
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PAID FOR TEACHERS.

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|---|---------|
| North Center School, Miss Mary Gould, teaching | |
| 10 weeks, at \$7.00, | \$70 00 |
| Miss Florence B. Whiting, teaching 23 weeks, | |
| at \$7.00, | 161 00 |
| South Center School, Mrs. H. K. White, teaching | |
| 21 weeks, at \$7.00, | 147 60 |
| 12 “ “ 7.50, | 90 00 |

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| North West School, Edith M. Waterman, teaching 10 weeks, at \$7.00, | 70 00 |
| Lenora Dill, teaching 23 weeks, at \$7.00, | 161 00 |
| South West School, E. Winnie Beals, teaching 10 weeks, at \$7.00, | 70 00 |
| Etta M. Underwood, teaching 17 weeks, at \$7.00, | 119 00 |
| Miss Mary Gould, teaching 6 weeks, at \$7.00, | 42 00 |
| South East School, Mrs. C. B. Scott, teaching 21 weeks, at \$8.50, | 178 50 |
| Miss Ina M. Mann, teaching $2\frac{1}{2}$ weeks at \$3.50, | 22 10 |
| Geo. F. Pease, teaching $9\frac{1}{2}$ weeks, at \$8.50, | 79 90 |
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| | \$1,210 50 |

CARE OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

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| North Center School: | |
| Montville Crafts, janitor, | \$6 00 |
| Mrs. Dwight Crafts, cleaning, | 1 50 |
| South Center School: | |
| Mrs. White, cash paid janitors, | 3 75 |
| Willie Nolan, janitor, | 3 50 |
| Joseph Phelix, cleaning, | 1 50 |
| North West School: | |
| George Grover, janitor, | 5 50 |
| Mrs. H. E. Nash, cleaning, | 1 50 |
| South West School: | |
| Earl Nash, janitor, | 5 50 |
| Mrs. H. E. Nash, cleaning, | 1 50 |
| South East School: | |
| Mrs. Susan Hayes, cleaning, | 2 50 |
| Mrs. C. B. Scott, janitor, | 3 00 |
| John Hayes, " " | 2 50 |
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| | \$38 25 |

FUEL.

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| Frank and Lewis Scott, 2 cords wood, | \$8 48 |
| Frank E. Sanderson, “ | 19 57 |
| C. A. Coville, 1 cord slab wood, | 3 00 |
| Victor D. Bardwell, 6 cords wood, | 20 00 |
| Patrick Dalton, 1 cord wood, | 4 75 |
| Chas. J. Smith, 3 cords wood, | 12 75 |
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| | \$68 55 |

REPAIRS AND LABOR.

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| Leander F. Crafts, whitewashing, paint, glass, and labor, | \$7 42 |
| Mrs. H. K. White, cash paid for curtains, | 2 00 |
| Montville Crafts, labor, | 50 |
| L. B. Cobb, stove and pipe for South Center, | 14 00 |
| Chas. H. Waite, cash paid repair of clock and stove damper, | 1 00 |
| L. S. Munson, cash paid for window shades, for re- pairs and labor, | 21 27 |
| Aaron E. Waite, labor, | 2 50 |
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| | \$48 69 |

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

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| Silver, Burdett & Co., | \$20 92 |
| American Book Co., | 16 79 |
| George F. King & Merrill, | 13 72 |
| Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, | 15 00 |
| Ginn & Co., | 15 48 |
| University Publishing Co., | 90 |
| D. C. Heath & Co., | 5 00 |
| J. L. Hammett Co., | 12 59 |

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| Hinds & Noble, | \$3 98 |
| Boston School Supply Co., | 1 92 |
| Milton Bradley Co., | 1 35 |
| W. B. Clarke & Co. | 3 34 |
| Houghton, Mifflin & Co., | 1 82 |
| Mrs. H. K. White, | 1 00 |
| E. W. Goodhue, | 27 49 |
| Charles H. Waite, | 1 50 |
| M. Howes & Son, | 1 90 |
| L. S. Munson, | 1 05 |
| H. S. Higgins, | 5 63 |
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| | \$151 38 |

HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS.

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| Tuitions paid at Northampton High School, | \$135 00 |
| “ “ “ Greenfield, “ “ | 167 00 |
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| | \$302 00 |

SUPERINTENDENT.

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| E. W. Goedhue, month of March, 1897, | \$10 06 |
| “ “ “ April, “ | 10 06 |
| “ “ “ May, “ | 10 06 |
| “ “ “ June, “ | 10 06 |
| “ “ “ Sept., “ | 9 08 |
| “ “ “ Oct., “ | 9 08 |
| “ “ “ Nov., “ | 9 08 |
| “ “ “ Dec., “ | 9 08 |
| “ “ “ Jan. 1898, | 9 08 |
| “ “ “ Feb. “ | 9 08 |
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| | \$94 72 |

MISCELLANEOUS.

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| Charles H. Waite, postage, stationery, express, and freight on books, | \$12 01 |
| E. W. Goodhue, postage, stationery, printing and ex- press, | 2 82 |
| Town of Deerfield, tuition of scholars attending school at South Deerfield, | 25 00 |
| Charles H. Waite, care of school supplies, | 5 00 |
| Ezra Gerran, transportation of children, | 35 00 |
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| | \$79 83 |

Superintendent's Report.

To the School Committee of Whately:—

GENTLEMEN :—The annual report of the schools of the district and town is herewith presented for your consideration. While no great changes in the conduct of the schools have been made during the year, yet the work has moved along steadily upon the lines hitherto adopted, and in most cases satisfactorily.

There is gratifying evidence of an increased desire on the part of many pupils to pursue a more extended and complete course of study than can be given them in the common schools, and a considerable number are taking advanced studies in neighboring large towns. In most schools where the former teachers have been retained, there has been no cause to regret the action, and where due care has been taken in the employment of new ones, there has been little difficulty. In a few instances, plainly incompetent instructors were employed and, logically, the results were failures. The Commonwealth is dealing so liberally with its smaller towns in the matter of pecuniary assistance for their schools, that every town should endeavor to acquiesce so far as possible in its wishes, and this means, among other things, the employment of experienced and trained teachers when procurable.

WHATELY SCHOOLS.

With one or two minor exceptions, the schools in town have been well taught and profitable throughout the year. While it may not be that we have any better than those in neighboring

towns, yet Whately seems to be unusually fortunate in maintaining uniformly good schools. There are several reasons for this desirable condition among which may be mentioned :—Special interest of the citizens in the schools ; election of competent and progressive school officers ; generous appropriations ; great care in the hiring of teachers. Very little money is expended that does not return good value, and interest in study is maintained among the pupils. It would be a very wise and helpful move if the school year were lengthened to correspond with that in the other towns of the district. Of course the same amount of work cannot be accomplished in Whately as in them, which is greatly to the disadvantage of those scholars desiring to enter higher schools. The interior of the North West house has been greatly improved and it is to be hoped that the same may be said of the South West and South Center houses soon. As some of the houses are not yet supplied with national flags according to law, it should be done as soon as possible.

NORTH CENTER SCHOOL.

The spring term was taught by Miss Gould, the former teacher, and the remaining terms by Miss Whiting, who, though new to us, has given us excellent service, and has secured the respect of the pupils and the community. The year has been profitable, and those pupils who have entered higher grades in the larger towns have shown that they had received good preparation for their advanced work.

SOUTH CENTER SCHOOL.

The attendance has been rather better and more regular than usual. It is sufficient proof of the excellence of this school to say that the former teacher was retained. But very few rural schools can compare with this in the thoroughness of instruction, progress, and interest of the pupils. The enthusiasm of the little ones is quite infectious.

SOUTH EAST SCHOOL.

It was with the greatest regret that the resignation of Mrs. Scott was received. Under her able management the school has ranked among the best, and the improvement in attendance and general deportment was very marked. A new teacher was engaged upon the strength of recommendation, but it was quickly evident that that she would not be able to manage the school, especially upon the advent of a new element that did not seem to understand that the school was intended for educational and not athletic purposes. She soon left, and the Committee were fortunate enough to secure the services of Mr. George Pease. Immediately upon his assuming the duties of teacher, any doubt as to proper and efficient discipline quickly disappeared, and the scholars are again progressing well.

SOUTH WEST SCHOOL.

Miss Beals left this school as teacher at the close of the spring term much to our regret, her work having been able and satisfactory. Miss Underwood was engaged to complete the year. Although without experience as a teacher, it soon became evident that she possessed many of the necessary qualities for successful teaching, and entering into the work with a spirit of devotion and determination she made rapid progress, giving us a good school. Unfortunately the same pupils who had before caused us trouble, making the town much additional expense, without the least provocation again undertook to make a disturbance, but the teacher met the occasion promptly, and with commendable firmness nipped the incipient rebellion in the bud, and after the dismissal of one or two from the school, everything proceeded smoothly. Miss Gould taught the last few weeks of the year, Miss Underwood having resigned to prepare for her entrance to college. The school is now small and easily managed.

NORTH WEST SCHOOL.

The excellent instruction and management received by this school for so long a time made it one of the banner schools, and when the committee unwillingly accepted Miss Waterman's resignation, some fears were expressed that it might not continue to be as profitable. Miss Dill, a former teacher, was hired, and though a considerable number was added, some of whom did not possess quite as high an ideal of behavior as the majority, she quickly assumed her proper place as mistress, and has disciplined and taught the school in a thorough and highly satisfactory manner.

In closing this report, the Superintendent wishes to congratulate the Committee and other citizens upon the character of the work done in the town, as a whole, and to thank the members of the former for the kind assistance rendered and courtesy shown, and the latter for their continued interest and cordial support.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. GOODHUE, Superintendent.





